paper, the investment required for Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. is Rs. 16896 crores and for Neyveli Lignite Corporation Rs. 3021 crores on 1996-97 prices.

(c) By-products of coal are being produced in the Low Temperature Carbonisation Plant of CIL at Dankuni, of SCCL at Naspur and also in the Briquetting and Carbonisation plant of Neyveli Lignite Corporation at Neyveli.

Setting up of Restaurants to popularise India Tea.

2099. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Board had set up restaurants in different places abroad with a view to popularise use of India tea there;

(b) if so, the names of the countries together with the dates when these restaurants were set up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Tea Board had to suffer financial losses on account of these restaurants;

(d) if so, amount of losses suffered by the Tea Board together with the capital invested by the Tea Board in each of the above restaurants; and

(e) the number of restaurants out of them which are in operation during the financial year 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Tea Board had set up three India tea centres abroad for promotion of Indian tea which have since been closed. Indian tea centres were functioning at the following places;

Country	Year of Opening	Year of closing
London	1963	1983
Cairo	1961	1984
Sydney	1965	1982

Tea Board has also participated in a joint venture with Hotel Corporation of India Ltd., in which Tea Board had a share of 51% and Hotel Corporation of India (HCI) 49%. The India Teas Restaurants Ltd. (ITRL), was incorporated on 30th June, 1981 as a public limited company. This Company has set up the Mayur Restaurant in London in October, 1984 and the Sydeny Restaurant in October, 1982. The Mayur Restaurant was closed in March, 1990 and the restaurant at Sydney was closed in Sept., 1990.

(c) and (d) The share capital subscribed by Tea Board for M/s India Tea Restuarants Ltd., was Rs. 25.50 Lakhs. The total estimated loss incurred by M/s ITRL as on 31st March, 1996 has been Rs. 8.54 crores which also includes losses on account of exchange differences and interest charges.

(e) Does not arise.

Clearance of foreign direct investment proposals

2100. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number with details of each of the foreign direct investment proposals that have been cleared during the month of July, 1996;

(b) the foreign parties with whose collaboration these proposals are connected; and

(c) the names of the core sector items along with names of Indian parties and amount of foreign exchange involved in each proposal?